MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

VIOLET COTTAGE,
LLANDOVERY,
OCTOBER 9TH, 1926.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Llandovery.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Report for the year ending December 31st, 1925.

It was intimated in paragraph 13 of Circular 540 Wales, that the Report for 1925 should be a Survey Report, and dealing with any improvement in the district during the last 5 years.

Area in Acres	1207
Number of Inhabited Dwellings	556
Number of Families or Separate Occupiers	—
Buildings not used as Dwellings	21
Public Buildings	4
Houses constructed during year	3

Rateable Value, £6920. Sum represented by a Penny Rate, £26.

Population Census	1932
Estimated Population, 1925	1975

Social Conditions.

These may be described as those usually appertaining to a small country town situated in the midst of a purely agricultural area.

There are no large industries or other enterprises in the district.

Deaths and Death Rate.

There were in 1925 31 deaths registered, viz. : 14 males and 17 females, giving a rate of 15·7, as compared with a rate of 12·2 for the whole of England and Wales.

Table of Deaths and Death Rates for the last five years :—

Year.	Number.	Rate.	Rate for England and Wales.
1921	Cannot	be traced.	
1922	31	15·7	12·9
1923	25	12·7	11·6
1924	32	15·9	12·2
1925	31	15·7	12·2

Average for four years, 29·3 Deaths, and Rate 15.

Cause of and Ages at Death during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	Deaths in whole District and Ages.						
	At all Ages.	Under 1	1–5	5–15	15–25	25–65	65 and upwards.
Influenza	1						1
Measles							
Whooping Cough	1	1					
Heart Disease...	7		1			3	3
Scarlet Fever							
Diphtheria	1			1			
Disease of Kidneys							
Enteric Fever...							
Diarrhœa, Enteritis							
Cancer	4					2	2
Phthisis	1				1		
Other Tubercular Diseases							
Bronchitis							
Senile Decay							
Broncho Pneumonia							
Croupous Pneumonia	1					1	
Puerperal Fever							
Cerebral Hæmorrhage	5					2	3
Appendicitis, Gastric Ulcer	1					1	
Rheumatic Fever							
Violent Deaths	2					1	1
Suicides							
All other causes	7			1		2	4
Total, all causes	31	1	1	2	1	12	14

Births and Birth Rate.

The total number of Births registered during 1925 was 31, males 15 and females 16, a rate of 15·7, in comparison with a rate of 18·3 for the whole of England and Wales.

Deaths of Infants under one year 1

Zymotic Diseases.

Scarlet Fever...	1
Diphtheria	1

There was one case of Diphtheria died.

Disinfection was carried out in every case.

Public Health (Tuberculosis Registration 1921).

There were two notifications of this disease received. There was one death from Tuberculosis.

Summary of Nursing Arrangements.

Hospital and other Institutions in the Borough—nil.

Professional Nursing in the home—1 District Nurse.
6 Private Nurses.

The District Nursing is under the charge of a local Committee of ladies, and is not connected with the local authority, and is supported and maintained by voluntary contributions, and a grant is made by the Board of Guardians for the nursing of paupers. The District Nurse is not allowed to attend any infectious cases.

Private Maternity Nurses 4

District Nurse one and three others. It is very satisfactory to know that there are no uncertificated Midwives in the district.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

This is still flourishing. The average attendance is about the same (18). The sessions are held every fortnight. The Medical Officer in charge sees every mother and child at each session.

The short addresses to mothers have been resumed and seem to be appreciated.

The social side of the Centre has been well looked after by the ladies Committee and the energetic Secretary.

The District Nurse having resigned owing to pressure of other district work, Nurse Hazelby (private nurse) was appointed to the vacant post.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Autority :—

1. Maternity ... ... None.
2. Children ... ... None.
3. Fever ... ... None (not one in the County).
4. Tuberculosis ... Llanybyther Sanatorium and Tregaron Hospital, not connected or supported by the Local Authority.
5. General Hospital at Swansea (35 miles) and at Carmarthen (27 miles), supported by voluntary contributions.

Ambulance Facilities.

There is an Ambulance provided by the Red Cross Society for accidents and medical cases.

Laboratory Work.

This is generally carried out at the Beck Laboratory, Swansea Hospital.

Meat and Food Inspection.

This is very difficult to carry out as there is no Public Slaughter House in the Borough. The four Slaughter Houses are periodically visited, and are found clean and sanitary.

Milk Supply.

The Milk Supply is not very satisfactory. Greater care should be taken in the handling of Milk. A big effort is being made to induce Cowkeepers to produce Grade A Milk.

The number of Cowkeepers and Milk Sellers registered, 11.

Factory and Workshops Act.

There are in the District :—

Registered Workshops	No Register kept.
Offensive Trades	Nil.

All were found satisfactory on inspection.

Housing and Housing Conditions.

	1922	1923	1924	1925
Number of Houses constructed during year ...	54	2	2	3
Number of Houses constructed under Housing Acts...	54			

Dwellings unfit for habitation about 80. Defects found were :—

1. No through ventilation.
2. Structural Defects.
3. Overcrowding.

In 1925 a Report was made on Tanybryn, which was the old Workhouse, which was let out in tenements. It was found to be insanitary, and a danger to Public Health. It was decided to close it.

The Housing in the Borough is still very acute.

Bye-laws relating to Houses.

None have so far been adopted.

Drainage and Sewerage.

I regret to say that this is in the same condition for the last fifteen years. In the new houses (government) the bucket system is in existence. Most other houses have cesspools.

Scavenging.

The house refuse is cleared regularly, and the streets are kept as clean as one man can possibly do it.

Water Supply.

The water supply is obtained from Springs high up in the Cynant Valley, and is collected in a large Tank (sealed). The water is conveyed to a large Pressure Reducing Tank in the borough by means of 4in. pipes, ridiculously small, and having been laid down about 25 to 30 years ago very little can come through owing to corrosion. It is a serious position to be placed in. The quality is excellent.

Sanitary Inspections in the Borough.

The Sanitary Inspector has served 28 notices during the year for abatement of various nuisances, and nearly all have been carried out except three which have been only partly remedied.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Sanitary Inspector for his assistance during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

T. MORGAN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,

Medical Officer of Health.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
LIBRARY